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WRITE FOR MY BOOK  
"UNVARNISHED FACTS"  
EDITION OF  
TIPS AND POINTERS  
FOR BEGINNERS WITH PEONIES

Subject: The Surprise I Got In California.

From: Henry S. Cooper,  
Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Dear Friend:

Last Winter while in Los Angeles, I heard about what I would call a land swindle and went over to look at the place, called Sunland, near La Canyada. You see, as I was told, some land sharks had some land up in the foot hills that they wanted to turn into money. So they advertised "A good living off a quarter acre" in vegetables. Of course, a lot of poor people "bit". When they tried to raise vegetables, they found the soil was made up of "nigger heads" and gravel and the water they used for irrigation went straight and promptly down. They couldn't raise anything, not even a howl.

It was there I got my surprise. In that very gravelly, dry, sunburnt soil, I found some wild peonies indigenous to Southern California. Knowing that our common cultivated herbaceous peonies were a failure around Los Angeles, I was greatly taken back to see peonies growing wild right there. I wanted so much to dig up some roots and take home to Kenosha, but found that the niggerheads and gravel were so packed that I could not get them out without pick or mattock so had to leave them, but I intend to have some sent me this coming Fall, as I want to try crossing with our improved varieties, and see if we can't make peonies grow there, where so many other flowers seem to outdo themselves. There is only a bare chance that it will succeed, but if it should wouldn't it be great?

With peonies there are so many interesting experiments like grafting and crossing of varieties and the gamble of seed sowing for the interest in originating new varieties! Do you know that some new varieties from seed bring \$50 to \$100 per root?

Are you planting any of the wonderful new varieties of peonies this year? There is no other flower to equal them in the North and they are the easiest to raise. Have you had one of my 25¢ books? The best book for beginners you could get your hands on.

This year I expect to ship even better roots than usual because last Fall was warm and dry and late, so I was able to get my plants into unusually good condition. I have found that peonies are unusually fine after a



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very cold snowy winter such as we have just passed. So I expect to ship very nice and extra good plants this Fall.

I want to show you the kind of plants I send out, so I am enclosing an order blank for your order.

Use the enclosed photo as a book mark so as not to lose it. It is too fine a picture to lose.

I am correcting my mailing list. If you want me to continue mailing you my peony literature sign and mail the card with your correct address. I will be glad to mail to those who return me the card.

My Unbeatable Collection No. 30 of twelve of these varieties for \$10.00 is just naturally unbeatable and unequalled. Try this collection No. 30.

Now you are invited to come and see my acres of peonies when in bloom about June 15th--A wonderful sight.

You can order now and I will reserve your plants, and you can remit for them at planting time this Fall. Insure getting your choice by ordering now.

I will await your reply with interest.

Sincerely,



HSC/AHE.



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City and State

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Please send me your Peony literature from time to time  
to my correct address as above: